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HOW ABOUT THIS, COMMISSIONERS?

A CONVENIENT PLACE FOR HOLOUPS

NO LIGHT IN DARK PLACES

Public Parks and Places That Are Not Illuminated.

LURKING PLACE OF THUGS

Franklin, Lafayette and the Smith sonian Grounds Never Penetrated by Light of Any Sort-Col. Wilson Has Asked Congress in Vain for Money to Protect These Spaces.

There are three of the most beautifu parks in Washington into which nothing good goes on moralight nights, not even the rays of the moon, the police, the glim per of gualucht, or the glare of the elec-

three are Frankin, Lafayette Square, and the Smithsonian grounds. The latter are, however, only a part of the dark region which extends all the way from the White House eillipse east to near the Capited grounds.

The condition of these on other evenings when the moon supersedes the Washing-ton Gashirla Company and the electric light company's contracts compares fa-vorably with that of any uncivilized comtry on the globe. The superintendent of public parks and reservations knows that fact, and Congress knows it because the superintendent has told it so in several of Lie amount reports.

If one stands at the corner of Sixteenth street and Permsylvania gvenue and looks to the direction of Lampette Square on any meanight night his eye will run up ngalist a section of the city in Which all is a blank. One might as well try to peer

SEEN FROM THE CORNER. one stands there for a short while after 10 o'clock be will see an occasiona couple sounter by, enter one of the avenues and up a few seconds are lost in the gloom By and by another couple will come along another, and another, but where the I what they do it is needless to of the man in the moon. His eye gets only me for an the tops of the trees.

In Franklin park the conditions are very much the same with the exception that here and there a beam or two peretrates the foliage and immediately the straw hat and the corsage bouquet move to the other end of the handsome Turkish lourge,, under here findy trysting trees. But the region of questionable remand

par excellence is that wonderfully beautiful connectes of glades, and avenues, and and an out the will the neighborhood of the lake in Agricultural grounds.

The trees are branched to the very totton. tid the severs' lates a sistandy taloks are sebut it is that they i keepe vast inbyrinth make his way. Whether it is moonlight and the gas flickers are extinguished or whether the electric fight and the gas combine to flumments the place, the darkness in the many sequestered spots is always thick of the Capitol grounds there is less light that there should be and it is not so well policed as it should be.

PROOF OF THE NEED.

A sufficient commentary on the regu intity with which this place is patrolled at night is that not very long ago the body of a man who had committed suicide (? hear the gretto was not found until long after daylight. There are also true stories of men being sandbagged in these precincts. Crimes of this kind have duning remain the same. A murder could more easily be perpetrated in the Smithsonia or Agricultural grounds than in Jackson City, because all there is of that infamou city is lighted better than the prominen jurks of the Capital of the Nation.

Nothing could be easier of execution

than the crime of which The Times our foot speaks better than words. Whether or not they ply their trade in the dark park in the center of a city, it is a fine field for the three for the sandhaer the loaded cane, for the grasp of the throat, and a knock down blow.

What could be easier than the robbery of a wayfaler through a park the interior

Good Times Corner.

Lexington, Va., Aug. 6.-Buena Vista's large blast fornace is in full operation and rauning pig metal, and the other industries of the town are getting ready to go into operation,

Rending, Pa., Aug. 6.-Two hundred amployes of Eckert's two furnaces to-day orived a voluntary increase in wages of 10 per cent.

Shamokin, Pa., Aug. 6.-The 2,100 employes of the Pennsylvania and Richards mine have been put on full time.

MORNING TIMES,

EVENING TIMES,

SUNDAY TIMES,

surrounding streets. It is sheer nonsense to assume that a night inspector can keep his eye on the invisible.

This is no fancy sketch. Every now and then perhaps a policeman or park watchman filts through the shades, but he is a harmless silhonette. He offends nobody's mod-esty and nobody's immodesty can offend

REPLY OF THE POLICEMAN.

"At what time of night," a policema was naked yesterday, "do you order the ettlers on these benches to their homes?" "Oh, I don't order them home at all," esald, "so long nother behave themselves."
"So then you are judge, jury, and exeutloner of what constitutes an offense?" "I think I am," said the man at the bat

mite conclusively. Imagine a lynx eyed detective undertak ing the contract of discovering from the street anything worthwhile condemning or oving when there is nothing before alm but shade and shadow, and maddible

In the cartoon there are several duor male and female, which tell their own story graphically.

young man is on the edge of one of hese internal gloomy forests of Wash ington. One can hear and see him invite Mand into the garden. One or two other scenes from these mightly tragedies of human life are given to illustrate the girl who has learned to love the shaded park and the secladed bench better than the street or cable car.

Any one who has or takes occasion to go through these parks at night, say from 10 to 11 o'clock and especially on moonli uights, will find the benches well filled with couples, the female part of which, at least, should be home with her mother. It is only one step from the park to dis-grace and it is only the first step that costs

FREQUENTERS OF THE PARKS. And what an incongruous assembly is this under the trees. You are not awars of their presence until you are abreast of them. There are about as many faces a black as the shade or as yellow as the booslight, as there are those which are a white as the occasional flash of the passa-menteric of the lady lounger.

It is not an infrequent sight to see very song girls at compromising hours of the night emerging out of these sylvan slum on the arm of men who know it is easiest capture fledgling doves. It would be betesting to know how many of the fallen aves of Washington can trace their downall to nights of misgoided affection in the arks, mear or far from their homes. This an only be conjectured, for English spar-ows tell no tales.

Col. Wilson, the superintendent of the sures, was asked yesterday if anything and been done toward decreasing these Largers to the young and innocent. He said has be had twice called attention to these wile, and I coasked Congress for an appro-priation for the sufficient lighting of Laayette Square, Franklin Park and the grounds, " and," said he, em phatically, "I made the immoralities prac-iced in these places one of the grounds for

Congress i as not responded, and he had citing to a zgest how the lighting could be done without such an appropriation. Pending the appropriation the moon will outline to light up the outer edges of the surks and the carnival on the inside will rocced in spite of the watchmen and the

BELL TELEPHONE SUIT.

Attempt to Restrain the Use of the Berliner Patent.

(By United Press.) Boston, Ang. 6.—Papers have been served a behalf of the American Bell Telephone Company upon the National Telephone Manufacturing Company, in a suit for an order restrataing the latter from infring ng the Berliner patent.

The suit as brought will test the validity f the Berliner patent and will be fought by he National company with the assistance

A hearing is assigned before the United tales circuit court for the first Tuesday

The Berliner was recently declared by the fertiner was recently declared by ludge Carpenter, of the United States circuit cart, to be invalid, but the appellate court, everaed Judge Carpenter's decision. The aid against the National company is the list one brought by the Rell company under hat patent and its result will determine whether the Bell company's patent shall con-lane another seventeen years.

GORMAN TALKS HARMONY.

Democrats, He Says, Will Be Togother by November.

Baltimore, Aug. 6 —Senator Gorman visited the State Democratic headquarters to-day and expressed his views on differ ent matters with a freedom that was very

In regard to the ticket nominated last Wednesday Mr. Gorman said: "There is less objection raised than I expected. In politics some people must be disappointed, but the party in the end will get together and win, as uson. I have no fear what, ever as to the result in November. Long before that time all real Democrats will be united for the common cause. Senator Gorman expects to go to Saratoga

morrow. He will remain there about three weeks.

Drink Washington Brewery Company's Celebrated Champagne Lager.



SCREENS FROM VULGAR EYES AND THIS MIGHT OCCUR Give the people more light, and the bums less opportunity.

Missouri Democratic Convention Commits Party to Free Coinage.

Senator Cockrell and Gov. Stone Counselled Compromise, but Their Suggestions Fell Upon Deaf Ears.

(By United Press.)

Pertle Springs, Mo., Aug. 6.-In the esence of 2,500 people 514 of whom were delegates, the Democratic party of Missouri in convention here to day com mitted itself to the principle of the free colunge of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and reorganized the State central com-mittee so as to place the party machinery entirely out of the control of the gold men "Silver Dick" Bland dominated the gather ing completely. He was temporary and permanent chairman and in opening the onvention, stated deliberately that the time had come for the silver men to assume control of the party machinery and run it with a view of accomplishing their ends. Bland's idea of re organization is looked upon as bad politics and it was a terrible siash at the old State central committee which was the Maffitt Francis adminis-

tration machine. The relations between the turned-down mitteemen and their party colleagues are strained that in the coming campaign, if conducted on a free-sliver basis, they will practically be without party alliances. Band's fight was won after bitter caucus with Senator Cockrell, Gov. Stone, and ther prominent leaders who counselled com-

romise. The delegates were with him and his programme was enthusias tically carried out. The convention was noticeable for lack of speech-making, considering the weight; nature of the business transacted. There were no fights on the floor of the conven-tion, and the reorganization of the com-mittee and the adoption of the platferm were carried by a practically unanin

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 6.—Rev. R. I. Way, ne of the oldest Presbyterian ministers in the South, died to-day. Augusta, Ga., Aug. 6.—Gen. M. A. Stovall died to-day after an illness of several months at the age of seventy-seven years.

FOLLOWED BLAND'S LEAD THOUSANDS IN A PANIC GROVER TO PRESS A BUTTON

Buffaio Bill's Big Tent Blown to Tatters by Storm.

PEOPLE ACTED AS IF MAD

Women and Children Trampled Upon in the Frantic Efforts of the Crowd to Get Away From the Grand Stand. Indians Partly Prevented a Stampede-Band Kept on Playing.

(By United Press.) Oswego, N. Y., Aug. 6.—While Buffalo Bill's "Wild West" show was giving a

performance before 12,000 people here this afternoon a terrific rain and wind storm struck the town. The immense dressing tent was blown

to tatters and many of the men were injured. The horses with the show were also stampeded. Pollowing this the east half of the

anvas-covered grand stand was blown away, and the 6,000 people sheltered in that part of the field rushed down off the scats in a wild panic. Many women and children were trampled upon and badly burt, but were soon assisted away to their

The Indians prevented a stampede of the Western half of the audience across the arena by crowding their horses against the ropes,

The band did not stop playing during the excitement and at the very worst moment struck up the 'Star Spangled Ban-

Among the severely injured is an employe of the show, named Brown, who is at the city hospital with a fractured skull.

A little girl was nearly drowned before assistance reached her, and a Mrs. Flanagan had her head badly cut by a flying pole.

CAMPOS SAFE AT HAVANA.

Spanish General Alleged to Have Turned Up at Last. Havana, Aug. 6.—Capt. Gen. Martinez Campos arrived here at 1 o'clock this morn-

A dispatch from Santa Clara says the column of Spanish troops under command of Lieut. Ruiz had an engagement at Paila to-day with a band of insurgents, in which two of the rebels were killed. A band of rebels in the Santiago province yesterday morning ambushed a train on which were a number of miners and fired several shots, wounding one of the miners. The attack oc-curred in the vicinity of Ponupo. Upon returning from Songo with a force of troops the miners found that the railroad had been torn up near Ponupo. One of the miners was killed.

Quay's Voice Is Still for War. adelphia, Pa., Aug. 6.—Senator Quay to-night issued a formal statement in reply to the charge that he had proposed to David Martin, the Republican leader of this city, a bargain looking to the cessa-tion of hostilities between them.

JUST WAIT UNTIL NEXT SUNDAY! Editor Times: Your Sanday paper of yesterday was the brightest cleanest, best illustrated, newstest and most therougher indeesting Sanday newspaper over-published at the National Critical. FERGUS A. REDMOND. to that place this morning.

Will Start the Atlanta Exposition Machinery at Gray Gables.

Declined Escort of the Gate City

Wished to Avoid Display.

(By United Press.) Buzzard's Bay, Mass., Aug 6 .- Gov. Bullock, of Georgia, chairman of the ommittee on ceremonies and ceremonial days of the Cotton States and Internaional Exposition, called on the President to-day to request him to press the electric button here to start the wheels in the expo sition at Atlanta September 18, and also to tender the services of the Gate City Guard, the crack Georgia military company as an honorary escort from Washingion to Atlanta and return on October 23 when the President and his Cabinet

will visit the exhibition. The President assured Gov. Bollock that he would take great pleasure in pressing the button and starting the wheels on the 18th, either from Gray Gables or wherever he might be on that day. As to the escort, the President said he fully appreciated the compliment tendered him by the military company, but his desire to avoid display compelled him to decline the nonor.

Hon. John E. Russell was a caller at Gray Gables this afternoon. There was no politics in his visit, as he asserts, and he simply called to pay his respects to Mrs. Cleveland and her mother.

Mr. Cleveland was fishing nearly all day, so that Mr. Russell did not see him, and re turned to Boston on the first train. The President will not give out as ye his opinion on the bull fight.

PENNSYLVANIA POLITICS.

Huntingdon, Pa., Aug. 6.-The Hunting don county Republican convention to-day elected T. W. Montgomery and Frank H. Harrison delegates to the State cor vention, instructed to vote for Senator Quay. The convention declared for a modified McKinley tariff bill; against the free coinage of silver, and unanimously in dorsed Senator Quay.

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 6.-The fourth and inal Lackawanna county district convention was held here to-day. James E Watkins was elected delegate from the Third district to the State convention He was the Hasting scandidate.

Susquehanna, Pa., Aug. 6.-The Republican nominating convention to-day elected two delegates instructed to support Senator Quay for the State chairman

Chambersburg, Pa., Aug. 6.—The Frank lin county delegates to night passed a resolution to vote for Senator Quay in the coming convention. This was ince of a rumor to the effect that the Hastings forces would try to influence at least one of the delegates from this county-to-vote for Col. Gilkeson for State chairman.

Died From His Injuries. Andrew Loveless, a farmer, aged twenty-five years, who was badly beaten about the bend at his home in Woodbridge, Va., on August 1, and was brought to Providence Hospital on the following day, died at the bospital shortly after noon yesterday from the result of his injuries. His relatives at Woodbridge were notified, and his body will be taken

Dr. Radford, the Biggest Counterfeiter, Eluded the Watchers.

Was the Backer of the Gang of Which Brockway Was the Chief-Suspicion of Collusion.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 6 .- Two sensations have leveloped from the arrest of the gang of Jersey City counterfeiters who were run

One is the escape from the officers of den tist O. E. Bradford, who is supposed to be the financial backer of the gang, and whose

to ground by Chief Hazen of the secret

arrest cost a great deal of trouble. Dr. Bradford was found in his rooms Sutnight, but Chief Hazen did not arrest him then formally, fearing that his confederate might take alarm and escape.

Detectives Calligan and Burns were of guard, one in each adjoining room, but when the chief returned Sunday morning found that the dentist had escaped rom his room.

The fact of the escape has just been made public and it may cost Detectives Calligan and Burns their places. Both have been suspended from daty by the Treasury

imilarity to the Hight of the three post of fice robbers, Ediloran, Russell and Allen-from the Ludlow street jail, and it may be brought before the federal grand jury Bradford is from Farmington. Me., and is reputed to be wealthy.

TWO ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE.

Mary Beach Tried to Drown Herself

and Took Poison.

Upon the arrival of the steamer City of Richmond at her wharf, about 12.30 o'clock yesterday morning, a hurry call o clock yesterday morning, a harry call was sent to Indective Sergeant Perry at police headquarters for the ambulance.

The driver upon reaching the wharf found Mary Beach, a young colored woman, suffering from poison and shock. It was learned that she had made two determined attempts at succide on the secunctive leaving Colonial Beach.

Mary went down the river to see a male friend, whose name is raid to be Walker.

time exhibiting a small vial.

On the return trip the seamon was despendent. James Young a colle of seamon was despendent. James Young a colle of seamon which was a seamon with the seamon which was a seamon which was a seamon with the seamon attempt to throw herself overboard rashed up and saved her just in the nick of time. A short while liner she swallowed the contents of the vial, but was nearly restored when the steamboat reached her wharf in this city. She was removed to her home in the ambulance, and last night had nearly recovered from the effects of her rash at-

"DRIVE ON," SAID HOKE. The Secretary Held Up by a Wordy Populist Highwayman.

(By United Press.) Atnens, Ga., Aug. 6. This morning while Secretary Smith was en route to Jefferson from Athens, he was met on the road by Lee Lawender, a Populist, who plied him with many questions and used very offensive Secretary Smith treated the remarks as ming from an insane man and instru his coachman to drive on.

End of the Irvine Bank Case.

Lexington, Va., Aug. 6 .- All of the indictments in the county court against C. W. Irvice, the business partner of C. M. Flaggart ashler and wrecker of the Bank of Lexing ton, were this morning nolle pressed by the commonwealth's attorney and the prisoner honorably discharged. This closes the Irvine bank case,

For a Davis Monument. Richmond, Va., Aug. 6.—The committee appointed by the Grand Camp Confederate represents of Viginia to their raise finds for the Jefferson Davis monument held its first meeting here to-night. There is \$13,000 in bank to the credit of the monument fund, exclusive of the \$10,000 pledged by the camps at Houston.

Texas Populist in Session. Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 6.—The second day's session of the Populist's State convention was began in a torrent of oratory All the national leaders of the party are heard from either personally or by letter Judge Nugett seems to have small oppo-

Marine Band Concert. The programme for the concert of the Marine Pand at the Capitol this evening beginning at 5:40 o'clock, is as follows 1, a. March, "Light Infantry," .. Campagna b, "National Rifles," .. Miss Warble 2. Overture, "Militair," .. Mendelssonn 2. Overture, "Militair," Mendelssonn
3. a, March, "High School Cadets," Sousa
b, March, "Corcoran Cadets," Sousa
c, March, "National Fencibles," Sousa
4. Military Fantasia Ponchiell
5. a, March, "Troop A," Patchalli
b, March, "Morton Cadets," Fancialli
6. Descriptive, "A Day With Troop A,
Fancialli

Synopsis—Hustling in the armory; signals previous to departure; signals previous to departure; march; campfire; taps; repose; from night to dawn; foraging; attack on a barn yard; the boys enjoy a song and dance; coming home. a. March, "Light Artillery,". Fanciulli b, March, "The Only Texas Star.".

as follows: 1. March, "U. S. Cruiser Columbia,". 2. Overture, "Sicillan Vespers," Verdi
3. Mazurka, "La Trigane," Ganne
4. Selection, "Martiana," Wallace
5. Memories of the War Reeves
6. Excerpt from Orpheus Eufers, Offenbach
7. Patrol, "The Ghrious South," by request

8. Patriotic Hymn, "Hail Columbia,"...Fyles

ESCAPED THE DETECTIVES DRANK A CUP OF POISON

Desperate Attempt of Frank Sherwood to Commit Suicide.

LAUDANUM WAS THE POTION

Bought Enough to Kill Half a Dozen Menand Took It All at One Swallow, After Hard Work by Emergency Physicians He Was Restored to Consciousness and Life.

A determined attempt at suicide by taking two ounces of landarum was made by Frank A. Sherwood, fresco painter and decorator, about 5 o'clock last evening at No. 810 H street northwest, where he bourded with Mes. Walker.

Sherwood has been employed by a paper canger on New York avenue and is about orty-five years of age. He is married and has a son-living with his wife, from whom has been separated. They reside at No.

At 5 o'clock yesterday he went to Mrs Walker's boarding-house in a half-in-texicated concition. He has boarded there for the past four weeks. After entering the house he conversed for several minutes with Misses Sadie Walker and Betme hiley,

who were sitting in the hallway Then he complained of feeling unwell and marked that he wished he could get some front door. He met Mr. J. A. Walker at the threshold and told him he was going to get come hadasum to make him sleep. Mr. Walker, treating the matter lightly,

Your's crazy, Frank, it will kull

PURCHASED THE POISON. Sherwood-proceeded to Rowlend's drug store, corner of Ninth and H streets northwest, where he purchased two drachms of

he went to Majors pharmacy, comer of Seventh and it streets northwest, where he secured an ounce of the same fund. He then returned to his boa ding-house, asked for a glass, into which he poured the contents of the two bottles, and then drained the class. the glass,

Riley and Beau Walker & Fessie Riley Land Good of the Riley Riley and Riley Rile

IN A CRITICAL CONDITION :

It was then 5:30 o'dock, and for an hor Walker, John W. Tavener, and the colored parter, Randalph, ministered to the suffer At 6.30 o'clock the Emergency Hospital ambalance was sent for, and Sherwood was quarkly removed to that institution.

when he arrived there, the physicins say, the man was apparently dead. The bouse stiff, including 0rs. Furlong, Aughinbaugh, and Heller, worked on him from 7 until 11 o'clock, when consciousness was restored and Mr. Sherwood removed to an inter-ward. s upper ward. While Sherwood was stretched out upon

while sherwood was stretched out doon the operating table, his wife, from whom he had been separated, rushed in, crying that her husband had taken poisen twice, she declined to state what causes had led-up to the rash act. The husband, too, after being restored to consideraness, refused to state why he had taken the TOO FOND OF STRONG DRINK.

Sherwood's son Harry came in with his nother. He intimated that his Inther's cosiness for drink had resulted in the sepa-

At a late boar last night the Emergency At a late boar last night the Emergency surgeons thought Sherwood was out of danger. They described the case as one of the worst instances of landamum poissoning that had ever come into the hospital.

Mr. John W. Tavener says that he had known sherwood some time, and accompanied him down the sirect yesterday miorning, when Sherwood told him that some person had written an anonymous letter to his wife stating that he was drinking heavily and otherwise acting hadly, which caused his wife to come to Washington Sunday. Being satisfied, she returned to the compary Sunday evening. If they quarreled he ry Sunday evening. If they quarreled he lid not mention it.

Machinery Cut His Fingers Off. Benjamin T. F. Bell,, of No. 222 B street southwest, while working at John Perry's northwest, about 2 o'clock . Terday, had two of his fingers cut off in the machinery, He was treated at the Emergency Hou-

Walton's Hetel. Walton's Hotel, formerly Stegmaer's, in ne of the most respectable and popular near the Capitol.

It has the savory regulation of serving a capital meal to those who delight to drive out the Bladensburg road, and they are

ot few. This hotel is an excellent terminus for riving parties and private families, and its horough respectability is well-known. Walton's Hotel is owned and managed by

Mr. William Walton, THE WEATHER TO-DAY.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, generally fair, preceded by showers on the coast, winds becoming north westerly.

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